

Cullinane College Newsletter

Term 3, Week 4

CONGRATULATIONS

On Friday, 12 August, we had a wonderful celebration during our regular Friday Mass. Zakisha Kemp and Maraëa Kingi-Tapa were baptised. Zakisha and Maraëa, along with Macy Duxfield, Jovanna-Penn-Reina, Jayde Hawkes and Christie Wallace also made their First Communion. Whanau, staff and students witnessed the joyful occasion which was presided over by Fr Brian. We congratulate all these students in their decision to make a further commitment on their faith journey. Since the celebration other students have indicated they would like to continue their faith journey too. We will look to hold another programme later in the year.



PASTORAL MESSAGE

Reminder to all parents and students

Students are not permitted off school campus during the day. Once they have arrived at school they must stay on campus.

Students are not permitted to leave school to go for lunch breaks or visit the dairy, they must remain at school during break times.

Parents who do come in to take students without prior notification will need to discuss this with the Year level Dean to gain permission for the student's to leave during school time.

If you do need your child for an appointment please ensure that the office is notified well in advance. We appreciate your support with regard to this matter.

Catch Up Programme

The College will be running a Catch Up Programme that is held on Tuesdays, from 3.20pm - 4.15pm for senior students needing extra support with assessment tasks.

Text drops will be sent to notify parents of students who are identified as needing this extra assistance.

PLEASE NOTE: There will be no Catch Up Programme run on 23rd August as this is during Exam Week.

2016 NCEA Fees

URGENT: Note the Date 2016 NCEA Fees

NZ Qualifications Authority charge Year 11 – 13 students NCEA fees each year to have their results recorded on their Record of Achievement, and to receive certificates.

NCEA Fees for 2016 are \$76.70 per student. Scholarship fees are additional.

You are more than welcome to make part-payments towards this fee but all NCEA fees must be paid in full by **Wednesday, 31st August 2016.**

Financial Assistance is available if parents or caregivers meet one of the following conditions:

- Two or more students are entered for NCEA with fees more than \$200.
- Be receiving a Work and Income or Study Link benefit.
- Have a Community Services Card.
- Have joint family income that qualifies for a Community Services Card.

In order to qualify for financial assistance, you are required to complete an application form which is available from the Bursar or College office.

Please contact the Bursar, Joanne O'Hara if you have any queries related to NCEA fees or financial assistance.

Union Boat Club OPEN DAY for NEW and existing School Rowers for the 2016-2017 Season is on Saturday the 3rd September 2016 at Union Boat Club Shed, 1C Taupo Quay, Wanganui. Anyone wishing to give Rowing a go, come on down, 10am start. ALL WELCOME!

Xuzhou Students Visit

The annual visit of students from our Sister Schools in Xuzhou, China is in full swing at the moment. The students arrived safe and sound to take part in three weeks of Cultural immersion and to practice their English in a fully English environment. While here the students are taking part in a number of after school activities as a part of this programme. Another aspect of the programme is that the students get to spend an overnight experience with a Kiwi family. This year a number of staff members took part and the students had an excellent time. The Xuzhou visitors will be returning home at the end of Week 4 of this term and we hope they have had a fantastic time overall and that they have a safe return journey.



COMING SOON

16 August

*Yr 11 Sport Science
Ski Trip*

18 August

Yr 12 Bio Trip

22 August

Senior Exam Week

26 August

Daffodil Day Collection

29 August - 2 September

Tournament Week

6 September

Early Finish (1.40pm) due to Moderation Across Schools

9 September

Early Finish (12.40pm) due to PPTA Meeting

12 September

Dental Van Arrives



Future Pathways Information for Years 12/13 Students

Important dates that our Seniors will need to note are:

- Friday 26th August, there is a trip to the Wellington Tertiary Institutions Open Day. **Please note this date CLASHES with exams and students will need to arrange a catch-up with Mrs Duxfield.**
- Monday 29th and Tuesday 30th August. Youth Services Driving Licence Course at Land Based Training (for Group 1).
- Monday 5th and Tuesday 6th September. Youth Services Driving Licence Course at Land Based Training (for Group 2).
- September sees the beginning of the STAR short courses at the Whanganui UCOL (starting with Health and Barista).

Viard Quad Tournament

Well done to those students who represented the College at the Viard Quad Tournament on Thursday 4th August at St Peters College in Palmerston North.

This event involved Bishop Viard College, St Peters College, Chanel College and Cullinane College in the areas of Rugby, Basketball, Netball, Football and Hockey.



Our Hockey team only had one game at this event as there were the only two mixed teams entered. They drew with St Peters, 2 all.



Paid Union Meeting for Staff

On Friday, 9th September school will finish early at 12.40pm (end of period three). This is due to a paid union meeting for staff.

We have contacted the bus company regarding our bus students and they will be endeavouring to accommodate this meeting in regards to pick up times.



There will be more information around the bus students closer to the day.

SENIOR EXAM WEEK

Last week all senior students were issued with an exam timetable. Exams will begin next week (Week 5). Students will need to arrive early to their exams and provide an entry slip into each exam.

If they have any exam clashes, they will need to see Mrs Duxfield and attend a catch up exam on Monday, 29th August and Tuesday, 30th August.



External Exam Entries

Please be aware that over the next two weeks our Yr 11-13 students and their teachers will be finalising which External Exams they will be completing in the NZQA External Exams in November. Your child will have a short meeting in class with their subject teacher where together they will decide which External Standards they will be sitting. The teacher and student will sign a summary of those Achievement Standards the student is going to sit. A copy of the summary will be given to the student for them to bring home to you. Please ensure your child presents these summary sheets to you. If you have any concerns about the entries made please either contact the teacher concerned or the year level Dean. Once the entries have been submitted to NZQA we will prepare a full list of all of the External Standards your student is entered for. This will be forwarded to you ASAP.

Derived Grades & the Practice Exams -

It is very important that Yr 11 -13 students take the School practice exams seriously, as the results in these exams are used should a student be unable to sit the External Exams in November, to derive their grades.

- Mr Martin Bullock

Kapahaka News

Te Ngākau O Te Awa – Cullinane College, National Secondary School Kapahaka Competition, 24 -29 July, 2016.

During the first week of term 3 our school kapahaka competed at the National competition in Hastings. There were 40 groups from throughout the country competing and the competition was fierce. Our roopu were placed in pool A and performed on the first day. It was a remarkable effort by our team who eventually placed third equal in our pool with Paemrston North's Te Piringa. This meant the scores of the Te Reo category were used to determine who would go through to the top 9 finals pools and as a result Te Piringa claimed thrid place with a difference of 3 marks between us. However it was a magnificent achievement by our group to place first equal in the choral item with four other top 9 schools, a first ever achievement for any Whanganui/Taranaki school at the competition. Our leaders also Ainslee Pikimaui and Kanui Tapa received great results too with Kanui placing in the top 30 and Ainslee in the top 9.

On a final note, although the team narrowly missed out on a place in the finals pool, Te Ngākau O Te Awa left such an impact on the competition, they were often referred to as a group with small numbers but powerful sweet, singing. In particular our seven boys were dubbed by the judges as the 'seven Spanish angels' which was quite a pleasant compliment for our team.

Overall it was an outstanding performance by our kapahaka and the most successful national campaign to date. The trip ended with a well deserved break for all at Rotorua. A big mihi to all our parent/whanau support on the trip and those of our community who sent many well wishes, messages of support and travelled to the competition to watch our performance.



Te Ngākau O Te Awa – Cullinane College, Performs at Manawatu/Whanganui Regional Growth Action Plan launch.

On Friday 12 August our kapahaka were invited to perform at the launch of the action plan for Manawatu/Whanganui Regional Growth plan. It was attended by Ministers Stephen Joyce, Nathan Guy and Te Ururoa Flavell along with Sir Mason Durie, Dame Tariana Turia and Mayor Annette Main. The kapahaka did the powhiri for the occasion and perfoemred for the guests of over 250 people including, local and regional community organisations and businesses. The high profile event was another awesome experience for our kapahaka and promotion of Cullinane College. Mayor Annette Main forwarded a letter of appreciation to Mr Shore outlining the groups presentation was exemplary, giving a true sense of involvement and relationship within our community.

